

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Chair Yerke and Vice-Chair Justin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Gilbert Yerke (Chair), Duane Paulson, Jeremy Walz, Tom Schellinger, Bill Zaborowski, Christine Howard, and Janel Brandtjen.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Sarah Justin (Vice-Chair), Dr. Steven Kulick, Mary Lodes, Mike O'Brien, and Lori Cronin, and Supervisors Christine Howard, Duane Paulson, Bill Zaborowski, and Janel Brandtjen. **Absent:** Citizen Member (Chair) Joe Vitale.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Attorney Sam Benedict of the State Public Defender's Office, Veterans' Services Officer Tom Ludka, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Administration Director Norm Cummings, Lad Lake Director of Residential Services Jeff Pease, Lad Lake CFO Mark DeVillers, Matt Masterson of *The Freeman*, Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, Epidemiologist/County Health Officer Ben Jones, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Addiction Resource Council Executive Director Joe Muchka, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, Juvenile Services Manager Mike Sturdevant, and Budget Specialist Bill Duckwitz. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Public Comments

Benedict, regional attorney manager for the State Public Defender's Office, explained anticipated impacts on the SPDs office by contracting non-secure residential juvenile services at Lad Lake.

Brandtjen arrived at 1:02 p.m.

Benedict said privatizing shelter care services and sending it off-site will reduce access the lawyers have to the children/clients leaving them less time to talk to each other and prepare their cases. This will result in fewer face-to-face contacts and lawyers will be forced to contact their clients via phone which may result in lower quality services. This will cause a reduction in court efficiencies which Benedict explained further. This will shift costs to the State because of costs incurred due to lawyers traveling off-site. This will increase caseload and new lawyers may need to be hired which will also increase costs. Currently, everything is immediately accessible with the on-site facility. He felt moving the facility will invariably reduce the services these children need from Health & Human Services staff for family reconciliation and rehabilitation.

Approve Minutes of 5-15-14

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Walz to approve the Committee minutes of May 15. Brandtjen asked that an amendment be made on page 4. Motion carried 7-0 as amended.

Advisory Committee Reports

Yerke said the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Board announced their proposed funding allocations. A public hearing will be held and then it will go back before the CDBG Board and County Board for approval.

Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)

- July 10

Chair's Executive Committee Report of 5-19-14

Yerke highlighted the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved the various ordinances and appointments that were included in the last set of legislative referrals.
- Heard an in-depth update on information technology projects. With the exception of the elections system, no major concerns were raised and some projects are ahead of schedule.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth said she will be monitoring study committees of the State legislature including one on drug treatment courts.

Future Agenda Items

Brandtjen suggested the board/committee hold another meeting at a senior center.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 5-15-14

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Paulson to approve the Board minutes of May 15. Brandtjen asked that an amendment be made on page 4. Motion carried 9-0 as amended.

Advisory Committee Reports

Cronin said she attended the Public Health Advisory Committee meeting but in the interest of time, deferred to Healy-Haney who will report on these same items later in this meeting.

Zaborowski reported on the recent Aging & Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) Advisory Committee meeting. Mary Smith was promoted to ADRC Coordinator. New employee Mike Glasgow who comes from the State will fill Smith's previous position. New dementia specialists will also begin soon. Zaborowski said seniors are having difficulty getting to the Oconomowoc senior center's meal program. The public parking lot sits across the street from the center which is on Highway 16 and he did not believe there are stop lights in that area. Also, it is very noisy inside the building. He would like this issue looked into.

Justin said at the recent AODA Advisory Committee meeting, a citizen member announced she lost her son to heroin. The boy's cousin also overdosed and is still in a coma. Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj and Sara Carpenter of Wisconsin Community Services discussed creating alumni groups for the AODA treatment courts. They have been researching best practices in other states which they said has been positive. Also discussed was the possibility of opening a halfway house for females. Currently, only halfway houses for males exist in the county. It is anticipated that Lutheran Social Services will also open one for females.

Approve Amended AODA Advisory Committee Bylaws (Board)

O'Brien discussed proposed changes to the board's bylaws as outlined in "Notice of Proposed Amendment to Bylaws." The position of secretary will be eliminated because it was considered redundant. The composition of a quorum will change from five voting members to 50% of voting members plus one to better conform with standard practices.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Howard to approve the AODA Advisory Committee bylaws as amended. Motion carried 9-0.

Announcements

Robertson announced Chief Master/Sergeant Ludka was inducted into the Wisconsin Air National Guard Hall of Fame on May 15. Robertson said it was a wonderful event, well attended, and well deserved.

Accept 2013 Annual Report of the Veterans Service Office (Committee)

Ludka reviewed the 2013 annual report of the Veterans Service Office as outlined. The total number of veterans in the County as of September 30, 2013 was 27,116 with 92% being male and 8% being female. This does not include dependents of veterans. In 2013, the office received 8,188 incoming phone calls, 1,398 emails, and 3,403 clients visited the Waukesha office. In 2013, staff appeared 49 times on behalf of veterans during the year. Federal benefits for Waukesha County veterans totaled \$236,506, 525. This included VA guaranteed home loans (\$124,606,525), medical expenditures (\$51,707,000), compensation and pension (\$48,192,000), education benefits (\$8,696,000), and insurance and indemnities (\$3,305,000). Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs payments were as follows: \$1,122,393 for 299 property tax credits, \$23,968 for seven education grants, \$6,000 for two restraining grants, and \$100 for one subsistence aid grant. The 2013 County budget of \$295,595, of which \$282,595 was tax levy resulted in a return of \$237,658,986 in federal and state dollars to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents. This equates to an \$840.99 return for every levy dollar invested.

Ludka indicated for the last 18 months the office has not received a list of recently discharged veterans from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. This has prohibited Veterans Service Office staff from contacting veterans and aiding them with their benefits. Ludka discussed his concerns which he also discussed with the County Executive's Chief of Staff, Shawn Lundie. Ludka believes this is a State issue and did not think this was occurring nationally. Brandtjen said veterans are deserving of these benefits and suggested a letter be sent by County Executive Dan Vrakas in the hopes of resolving this issue. Yerke said he would contact Vrakas.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Brandtjen to accept the Annual Report of the Veterans Service Office. Motion carried 7-0.

Update on Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) - CoV (Combined)

Healy-Haney explained the symptoms associated with the MERS virus and said there is no immunity. Worldwide there are 681 cases and there is a high mortality rate – 204 individuals have died. Two individuals in Waukesha County who had contact with two individuals with confirmed cases (contracted in Saudi Arabia and shared the same aircraft), fortunately, did not contract MERS.

Healy-Haney said a 40-year old woman is hospitalized in Waukesha County with what doctors thought was an ovarian tumor. Healy-Haney believes she is critical at this point and has pulmonary tuberculosis (TB). She has multi-drug resistance and the one drug that would benefit her is not available in the United States. Her children and spouse have tested negative and hospital and Public Health staff are working diligently to keep it from spreading and testing others who may have been in contact with her. Currently, there are five active cases of TB in Waukesha County. Typically, they see about three active cases per year.

Justin asked how she contracted TB. Healy-Haney said many of our cases are imported and TB is highly indigenous from the country she comes from. Dr. Kulick said often in emergency situations approval can be granted to get medications from other countries. Healy-Haney said she has been in contact with the Centers for Disease Control for them to be an intermediary.

Jones said a mumps outbreak in the country is mostly affecting college-age students. There are 48 cases in the state and four in Waukesha County. Also, measles is at its highest level in at least 15 years and there have been significant outbreaks in Ohio and Minnesota. Jones indicated every year, more parents of school-age kids are waiving immunization requirements, especially in Waukesha County with the MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) immunization being the one refused most often. Healy-Haney noted they just received notice that there has been a recall on sprouts.

Update on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIPP) Activities (Combined)

Healy-Haney referred to the CHIPP process as a “stunning success” and it includes 13 public, private, and non-profit organizations. The three identified health problems pertain to AODA, mental health, and access to healthcare. Public Health is working with the Addiction Resource Council on various programs and outreach initiatives including the use of Narcon. They also have a pregnancy program with Healthy Babies/Safe Families on the high risks of doing drugs/alcohol while pregnant. Access to healthcare programs include a partnership among Health & Human Services, ProHealth, and Froedtert to develop a curriculum to teach family members, social workers, etc. how to navigate the complex health system. It is hopeful this will be launched in September. Healy-Haney said the mental health initiative with the Jail involves connecting and coordinating individuals released from jail who have mental health challenges and getting them needed treatment.

Healy-Haney distributed flyers on the Fiesta Waukesha Health Choices Festival/Public Health Clinic on June 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Human Services Center. Multiple screenings will be offered to high risk individuals along with education (e.g., diabetes, hypertension) and interpreters will be available. Jones distributed information on the National Association of Local Boards of Health annual conference titled “Moving Forward with Fresh Ideas in Board Governance.” This year’s annual conference will be in Milwaukee August 13-15.

Overview of Public Health Division (Combined)

Due to time constraints, this item was held-over to the next meeting.

Overview of the Addiction Resource Council Outreach Programs (Combined)

Muchka distributed information on this item including the integration and partnership between the Addiction Resource Council (ARC) and Drug Free Communities (DFC). They have a good working relationship with CHIPP and are also involved with multiple countywide partners including Health & Human Services, Public Health, law enforcement agencies, etc. The ARC is funded with SAMHSA grant funds and there are fee based programs of which he gave examples. The DFC was also funded with federal grant funds but much of that funding ceased, hence, the integration of the ARC and DFC.

Muchka highlighted activities for the first six months of 2014 and included the following: held two public heroin awareness events in partnership with other entities, the DFC and ARC signed agreements and ARC officially becomes both fiscal and operational agent for DFC, the DFC sponsored the John Underwood Life of an Athlete training events for area high school students on how AODA affects performance, the ARC applied for its 6th year SAMHSA grant with assistance

from Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner's office, the DFC worked with Waukesha West High School on public service announcements to be shown at three Marcus theaters, the ARC/DFC participated in countywide drug collection activities, etc.

Justin said it was important to better communicate, perhaps via email, with all parents of students enlightening them on drug issues as she felt many do not understand the severity. Muchka said they have relationships with all 17 school districts in the county. Some are more apt to participate than others. There is still some resistance but it is getting better. Muchka highlighted upcoming programs aimed at not only high school but also middle school children. Brandtjen suggested that public health, when sending out information on immunizations, include information about the drug epidemic. To answer Howard's question, Muchka said they are using evidence based programs.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Kulick to adjourn the Board at 2:45 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

Resolution 169-R-002: Support The Implementation Of A Contracted Solution For The Provision Of Non-Secure Residential Care Services For Juveniles In The 2015 Proposed Budget (Committee)

Cummings and Robertson discussed this resolution which involves contracting with Lad Lake beginning in 2015 to provide non-secure residential care services for juveniles (shelter care). Lad Lake was awarded the contract after an RFP process. These services are currently provided by County staff at the County's Juvenile Center.

Robertson said the department is experiencing extreme fiscal challenges and there will be a \$75,000 budget reduction over last year. Implementing Lad Lake's proposal is expected to save the Health & Human Services Department approximately \$130,000 in annualized savings the first full year which can be used to maintain existing, direct services to clients while helping keep the County's property tax levy low. Assuming a mid-year start date for the first year, savings are estimated at about half of the annualized cost savings. Savings are estimated to increase about 3% each successive year of the contract. This plan allows for the continuation of juvenile male secure detention at the Juvenile Center and juvenile intake services 24 hours a day. Beginning in 2012, juvenile female secure detention services were transferred from the Juvenile Center to Washington County, saving the County approximately \$675,000 over the last three budgets.

To answer Brandtjen's question on staffing, Robertson said there would be a reduction of 13 full-time equivalent County employees.

Schellinger asked if Robertson could respond to Benedict's comments from earlier in the meeting. Robertson said he spoke with Benedict on Monday and said the County is committed to ensuring a smooth process and not hinder access of his staff to their clients. Other counties also contract for this service so this is not a new practice. Cummings said Dane County did a study on their contracted facility which is about 15 minutes away. Dane County decided they did not want non-secure next to secure. Also, most kids with public defenders are not in secure or non-secure. He noted most counties are seeing a decrease in their juvenile populations.

Paulson spoke in support of the resolution and said it is important the County remain a Triple A rated county. To do that we need to keep taxes down and budgets balanced. He said the Juvenile Center staff do a fantastic job but the County's Juvenile Center resembles a jail with high windows and block walls.

To answer Yerke's question, Robertson said the County currently contracts non-secure services with Jefferson and Walworth County. Brandtjen noted the County receives revenues for these contracts. Cummings said we do not want to depend on those revenues because they fluctuate and decrease whereby tax levy needs to be added, similar to what happened in the Sheriff's Department with federal prisoners. It is also competitive and counties could decide to contract with other counties for less. Yerke asked what will happen with those children in our facility that are from Jefferson and Walworth. Cummings said Dane County would love to take them.

Yerke asked if the same number of teachers will be available at the Lad Lake facility at no charge to the County. Robertson said yes, the school district has confirmed they will provide one full-time instructor and one part-time gym teacher.

Yerke asked what will happen to children who walk away from the facility. He was told when he toured Lad Lake that an alarm will sound if a door is opened and they are apprehended rather quickly. Pease said there are no fences and no locks on the doors. Lad Lake has a good relationship with the Sheriff's Department and crisis staff are available to bring them back, engage them to ensure their needs are met, and that staff are understanding them and they are being heard.

Howard asked what will happen with the current County employees. Cummings said they will have an opportunity to apply at Lad Lake. If they are not hired at Lad Lake and we cannot find another position for them here at the County, severance packages are available.

Brandtjen said do we really want to throw away one of the best juvenile centers in Wisconsin. While there is a savings, she was concerned about the level of services including County services. Robertson said the County services and treatment will not change.

Zaborowski also spoke in support of the resolution.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Zaborowski to approve Resolution 169-R-002. Motion carried 5-2. Yerke and Brandtjen voted no.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Zaborowski to adjourn the Committee at 3:19 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Brandtjen
Secretary